

John 20

v.1 Other gospels explain she was not the only woman to come to the tomb that morning (at least three other women accompanied her). Also that angel told them He was risen.

The women came to complete the work begun by Joseph and Nicodemus. “Probably, in view of the lateness of the hour and the nearness of the sabbath, Nicodemus was not able to use all the spices he had brought in the way intended.” (Morris)

v.3 John was humble enough to avoid the mention of his own name, but competitive enough to tell us that he **outran Peter** to the tomb.

- By tradition, Peter was older than John. We might picture a man in his late forties or early fifties like Peter running to the tomb with great labor, and a man and his mid-twenties easily outrunning him.

Different Greek words for see, are used in the text.

1. **Vs. 1** Mary saw. The Greek word is **blepo**, which means just that, to see.
2. **vs. 5** When John looked in and saw, the **same word** is used.
3. When in **vs. 6** Peter came into the tomb and saw the linen cloth lying there and the napkin that was about His head lying separately, the Greek word is **theoreo**, it is far more than just seeing, it is looking critically and carefully. It is a careful examination.
4. **v. 8** When John followed Peter into the sepulchre and saw, the Greek word used here is **eido**. The idea is not just to see, but to apprehend, to understand what it is that you are seeing.
5. It hit him that Jesus was risen from the dead. The intelligent apprehension produced absolute conviction.
6. The text tells us that he saw and believed.

The resurrection means that Jesus was *declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead* ([Romans 1:4](#))

· The resurrection means that we have assurance of our own resurrection: *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus* ([1 Thessalonians 4:14](#))

The resurrection means that Jesus has a continuing ministry: *He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them* ([Hebrews 7:25](#))

The resurrection means that Christianity and its God are unique and completely different and unique among world religions

v.12 “The presence of angels was a trifle to Mary, who had only one thought – the absence of her Lord.” (Maclaren)

- **One at the head and the other at the feet:** “So were the cherubim placed at each end of the mercy-seat: [Exodus 25:18, 19](#).” (Clarke)

v.14 Mary didn't expect Jesus- disciples on sea (John 6)- disciples on Emmaus road in Luke- how many times does John write that they didn't understand at the time

Jesus said to her, “Mary!” Jesus had only to say one word, and all was explained. She heard in the name and the tone the voice of her beloved Messiah, and instantly called Him **Rabboni** (as did another Mary in [John 11:28](#)).

“Jesus says to her, ‘Mariam,’ the Hebrew name, of which the Greek form is Maria.” (Trench) Jesus didn't reveal Himself to Mary by telling her who *He* was, but by telling her who *she* was to Him.

“Jesus can preach a perfect sermon in one word.” (Spurgeon)

v.17 do not cling to Me- more literally, stop clinging to Me- Jesus had something for Mary to do

Go to My brethren and say to them: Jesus made a woman the first witness of His resurrection. The law courts of that day would not recognize the testimony of a woman, but Jesus did.

This also argues for the historic truth of this account. If someone fabricated this story, they would not make the first witnesses to the resurrection *women*, who were commonly (if unfairly) regarded as unreliable witnesses.

My brethren: It is touching that Jesus referred to His *disciples* – those who had all forsaken Him, except for John – as His **brethren**. It's also touching that Mary understood exactly who He meant.

“I do not remember that the Lord Jesus ever called his disciples his brethren till that time. He called them ‘servants’; he called them ‘friends’; but now that he has risen from the dead, he says, ‘my brethren.’” (Spurgeon)

I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God: Jesus did not say, *Our Father and God*, and therefore pointed out a difference between His relationship with God and the disciples' relationship with God. The One enthroned in the heavens is certainly their **Father** and **God**, but not in the identical way that He is **Father** and **God** to Jesus.

“He says not ‘Our Father’: in one sense therefore, He is mine, in another sense He is yours; by nature mine, by grace yours . . . my God, under whom I also am as a man; your God, between whom and you I am a mediator.” (Augustine)

He also made specific mention of His coming ascension. The word of His ascension let them know He was raised *never to die again*.

1 Corinthians 15

Gospel: which I preached,

- * you received
- * in which you stand
- * by which you were saved

* - **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures-**

- Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by

His stripes we are healed.

- *Deuteronomy 21:8 'Provide atonement, O LORD, for Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to the charge of Your people Israel.' And atonement shall be provided on their behalf for the blood.*

- *Psalms 79:9 Help us, O God of our salvation, For the glory of Your name; And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, For Your name's sake!*

- *Hebrews tells how the Old Testament tabernacle and sacrifice system was a picture of the sacrifice Jesus would make to provide atonement for us.*

*** Was buried and rose from the dead according to the Scriptures**

- *(Psa 16:9-10 NKJV) Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. {10} For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*

All but 4 of the major world religions are based on some sort of philosophical principles. Of the four major religions that are based on personalities or people, Christianity is the only one that claims to have a leader or founder that has risen from the dead.

Abraham, the Father of Judaism died @ 1900 BC and is buried in Israel.

Buddha according to the original documents of the faith, the Mahaparrinabba Sutta say that Buddha dies with the utter passing away in which nothing whatever remains behind.

Mohammed died June 8, 632 AD and his tomb is visited annually by thousands of followers.

Why is the Resurrection so important ? What makes this different than other religions ?

Why is this one fact so important ?

- *(Rom 3:10 NKJV) As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;*
- *(Rom 3:23 NKJV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
- *(Rom 6:23 NKJV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- *(Rom 10:9 NKJV) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

v.35-48 we will rise with Him- *(1 John 3:2 NKJV) Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

We need to identify with the Resurrection but to do that we need to identify first with His death

Read - Romans 6:3-9 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

We have no power in ourselves over death, physical or spiritual but we can overcome it with Him. Over half million people daily fly across the United States, in themselves they have no power to overcome the hard, cold fact of gravity but boarding airplanes they are able to overcome as we are in Him.

Do you know that power ? Are you walking in that power ?